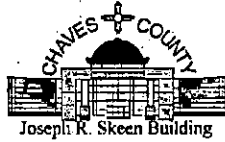




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ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

**CHAVES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – JOSEPH R SKEEN BUILDING
#1 ST. MARY'S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Adrienne Vigil led the pledge, and Commissioner Dana led in prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present were Commissioners Taylor, Perry, Dana, Waide, and Corn.

Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, Detention Center Director, Michael Brisco, Purchasing Director, Analicia Nieto, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Chief Finance Officer, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, County Treasurer, Chanel Rey, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, Flood Superintendent, Brian Houghtalin, Facility Maintenance Director, Scott Massey, Chaves County Sheriff, Mike Herrington, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE AGENDA
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 24, 2025.
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

PROCLAMATION – ADRIANNE VIGIL DAY

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, read the proclamation declaring August 21, 2025, as Adrienne Vigil Day in Chaves County. The State of New Mexico had no formal procedure for the retirement of New Mexico state flags as described in statute. NM House Bill 468 established the manner of retiring a New Mexico state flag and was enacted on June 20, 2025, as state law. Her hard work and dedication in serving the citizens of New Mexico have created a lasting example and encouragement to do what is needed, no matter how difficult, for those who will follow behind her. Ms. Vigil was present to accept the proclamation, and photos were taken with the Commissioners.

PRESENTATIONS AND AGENCY UPDATES

Commissioner Waide invited the Officers of the Hagerman FFA, along with their advisor, Alan Parker, to speak. A presentation was made by the officers recognizing Chaves County Manager, Bill Williams, for recognizing the 95th anniversary of the Hagerman FFA at the County level. Mr.

Williams was presented with an honorary FFA membership and award. A plaque was presented to Mr. Williams, and a photo was taken with the FFA Officers and Commissioners.

CHAVES COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE

Tamara Shubert, County Program Director, FCS/4-H Agent

Katie Wright, 4-H Agent

Ms. Shubert gave an update on their Ag position that is still open and stated that they are continuing with the Ag programs. They will hold a winter and herb gardening class on September 4th at 5:30. They are sending 320 indoor entries to the State Fair. Their annual Christmas Showcase will be in November, and tickets will go on sale soon. They will be out at the Dragonfly Festival in addition to the mental health classes that will be held around town.

Ms. Wright gave comments on the 4H Program. This is a slow month because they are in between State and County Fairs. The County Fair was absolutely wonderful. We have a County that shows up, and it's wonderful.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CASE #Z2025-04

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Zenith Volts Corp. and the Berry Family are proposing a 1.265 GW solar facility project that would supply sufficient energy to operate a data center and provide excise power to a battery energy storage system (BESS) facility, all located within this project area. CVE is the local electrical service company in this area. They have stated they will not be able to provide power to the facility, nor will they accept any power from the project area. The project area is approximately 8,500 acres in size. The development plan indicates the solar panels would be located in and around the alluvial drainage channels to the north while the data center and BESS facility would be located near Pearson Rd to the south. Zenith Volts Corp has accepted the Conditions of Approval that are unique to its location and development, including improving Natchez Rd., and no solar panels in the drainage channels. Staff have received 1 letter of support. The 2 letters of concern staff received about the drainage system and access to the road were withdrawn at the P&Z Commission meeting per the Conditions of Approval. The P&Z Commission recommended approval of Case Z2025-04, with the 17 Conditions of Approval stated in the Staff's Report, by a vote of 4-0 based on Finding of Facts 1-4 stated in the Staff's Report. Upon speaking with Wade Berry, the owners would like to request an 18th Condition of Approval. To permit the transfer of the special use permit to Zenith Volts, upon the sale of the properties, with the restriction and requirements stated in Conditions of Approval 1 through 17 A-E, as noted in the Staff's Report. Staff recommends approval.

Chairman Taylor opened the public meeting for public comments.

IN FAVOR: Nick Coleman and Kim Wales with Zenith Volts Corporation were present and gave an overview of the project. The cost of the project is around six billion dollars, and they have financial resources available. They are working with a private landowner. They don't use water, they use geothermal for cooling. They have several companies they work with for these projects.

Wade Berry – landowner – he has talked with neighbors about water usage during construction. A letter was sent out to landowners as well. Upon completion, the land will be sold to Zenith. This is approximately 8,500 acres and is all privately owned.

OPPOSED: Colin Robson, 431 W. Walnut Rd., Lake Arthur – landowner to the West – they have never been contacted about this project. He isn't totally opposed to this but would like more transparency. How will the aquifer be protected? How will this affect the wildlife and temperature? Mr. Robson had concerns about a map that was received by his neighbor.

Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director, stated they notified landowners within 600 feet of the project area and that would explain why Mr. Robson was not notified.

Chaves County Manager, Bill Williams, stated the County has failed to do their due diligence and asked if the Commission would consider tabling this. Mr. Jaramillo stated that the three property owners have not changed from who was notified or what was presented to the Commission. The

project area has not changed from the initial application. The highlighted area is the map that was received from the Assessor, and he does not know why it has white on it. Commissioner Waide stated the white areas are owned by the property owners but are not part of this project. Mr. Robson would like it in writing that this will only include the blue area. If that is done, he will not oppose this project.

Mr. Wade stated that they have to have the special use permit before they begin the build. There is only one domestic well on Mr. Wade's property, and he is not asking for any additional water.

Commissioner Perry cleared up the sections of land, and Mr. Robson stated he does not have opposition.

Zenith will have two years for the special use permit. The condition of approval is that they must begin construction within two years. Bill Williams stated that if they use Industrial Revenue Bonds, the County becomes the owner of the property. Ms. Wales stated it isn't "yes" or "no". They want to do what is best for Chaves County. Commissioner Waide believes the Industrial Revenue Bond discussion is premature because they can't begin this project without this approval, and that discussion would come at a later date. Ms. Wales stated they plan to reach out to attorneys next week if approval is received today.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CASE #Z2025-04 TO INCLUDE THE FINDINGS OF FACTS 1-4 AND 18 CONDITIONS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
CHAIRMAN TAYLOR ASKED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE
COMMISSIONER DANA: YES
COMMISSIONER WAIDE: YES
COMMISSIONER CORN: YES
COMMISSIONER PERRY: YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: NO

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

2. REQUEST TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO AGREEMENT A-25-001 TO RM MCI LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,109.37 FOR THE GBOM: CULTURAL PLAZA PROJECT

Presenter: Analicia Nieto, Purchasing Director

The original contract sum, including GRT, was \$2,400,692.34. This included the approval of alternate #5 for a 30'x70' gable structure. Change order #1, in the amount of \$18,109.37, is for the large footings that are required for the gable structure. The \$18,109.37 will be funded by an incoming state appropriation grant that has been awarded for FY26. The grant agreement is currently being executed. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO AGREEMENT A-25-001
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

3. REQUEST TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 TO AGREEMENT A-24-028 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF THE PECOS VALLEY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER RENOVATION

Presenter: Analicia Nieto, Purchasing Director

Total contract sum to date, including approved change orders, is \$2,866,190.71. There has been a total of 6 MCRs (modification change requests). At this time, Staff is asking for approval for MCR #2 as outlined below, which is inclusive of GRT. MCR #2 – UPS \$33,151.33. \$28,597.77 of the requested change order will be funded by NM State Appropriation # 16-Z19D154, applicable to MCR#2. The remaining \$4,553.56 will be county-funded. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 TO AGREEMENT A-24-028
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-034 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ADULT DETENTION FACILITY SECURITY UPGRADES APPROPRIATION 25-J2893

Presenter: Adriana Zapata, Project Specialist

This is a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement in the amount of \$200,000.00 to install security upgrades to the Adult Detention Center. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-034
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

5. REQUEST TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-035 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE BUILDING APPROPRIATION 25-J2894

Presenter: Adriana Zapata, Project Specialist

This is a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement in the amount of \$170,000.00 to renovate the Cooperative Extension Service Building. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-035
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

6. REQUEST TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-036 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL DRIVES UPGRADE APPROPRIATION 25-J2895

Presenter: Adriana Zapata, Project Specialist

This is a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement in the amount of \$200,000.00 to install variable speed electrical drives for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems at the Chaves County Courthouse. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE FOR: RATIFICATION APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT A-25-036
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

7. REQUEST TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-037 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COURTHOUSE ROOF REPLACE APPROPRIATION 25-J2896

Presenter: Adriana Zapata, Project Specialist

This is a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement in the amount of \$530,000.00 to replace the roof at the Chaves County Courthouse. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-037
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

8. REQUEST TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-038 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CULTURAL PLAZA APPROPRIATION

Presenter: Adriana Zapata, Project Specialist

This is a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement in the amount of \$399,999.00 for the construction of the Chaves County Cultural Plaza. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-25-038
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

9. REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-025, REVISION NO. 21 OF THE CHAVES COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY

Presenter: Analicia Nieto, Purchasing Director

As rules and regulations change from either the State Procurement Code, the DFA, and/or Staff identifying revisions that could streamline processes and procedures, staff requests revisions per Revision No. 21 to the Purchasing Policy via resolution R-25-025.

A few takeaway changes are as follows:

1. Page 9, Section 3.6 – Language is to be redacted, as it was unnecessary and additional to the stipulated procurement process.
2. Page 10, Section 4.1.B Out of State Travel – this procedure is currently practiced but has not been identified in policy.
3. Page 13, Section 5.2.D Capital Bulk Asset Purchases – Staff recommends setting the bulk capital asset purchase threshold at \$250,000.00.
4. Supplement A – Purchasing Card Program – page 4 – credit card fees – allowable with limitations
5. Per Diem Rate / Tips – Per diem is adjusted to the current DFA rate per 24-hr period – tips are no longer permitted.

Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-025
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

10. RESOLUTION R-25-040 – AUTHORIZING SUSPENDING THE MINIMUM PENALTY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE

Presenter: Chanel Rey, County Treasurer

Resolution R-25-040 would suspend the minimum penalty requirements of the Property Tax Code; Section 7-38-050 NMSA 1978 which states “*If property taxes become delinquent, a penalty of one percent of the delinquent taxes for each month or any portion of a month they remain unpaid shall be imposed, but the total penalty shall not exceed five percent of the delinquent taxes except that, when the penalty determined under the foregoing provisions of this subsection is less than five dollars (\$5.00), the penalty to be imposed shall be five dollars (\$5.00).*” Based on the exceptionally high rate of property tax collections, it is felt that a minimum \$5.00 penalty is unnecessary. The property tax collection average for the prior 10 years is 99.24 % as of June 30, 2025. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-040
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

11. REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Bill Williams is requesting approval for out-of-state travel for the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Lobbying efforts, tentatively scheduled during the third or fourth week in September 2025, in Washington, DC. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR BILL WILLIAMS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

12. REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Staff is requesting approval for out-of-state travel for the PILT Fly-In lobbying efforts held in Washington, DC, on September 9-12, 2025. Commissioners Corn and Perry will be in attendance. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR COMMISSIONERS CORN AND PERRY
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

13. PER ARTICLE 1, SECTION 5.J OF THE CHAVES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE #7, REVISION #12. AN APPEAL OF THE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR'S DECISION TO TERMINATE AN ADDED SPECIFIC USE "STORAGE OF RECYCLABLE WIND TURBINE BLADES AND EQUIPMENT" TO CASE Z2006-10.

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

On July 30, 2025, I sent Mr. and Mrs. Hellums a termination letter for the added Specific Use "storage of recyclable wind turbine blades and equipment" due to the exploitation of the specific use, failure to comply with two (2) "Stop Work Orders," and concerns expressed by neighbors. This Specific Use was granted by me to Mrs. Dorothy Hellums on January 27, 2025, as permitted per Article XIII of the Chaves County Zoning Ordinance #7, Revision #12 which states "*A building or premises shall be used only for the following purposes as approved by the Board of Chaves County Commissioners, subject to such conditions and restrictions as they may impose. The Planning Director may administratively approve and amend an approved change of use, including conditions of approval, upon determining that a proposed change of use is of equal or lesser impact. Uses determined not to meet said criteria shall be subject to a Change of Use application and review and approval by the Commission.*" My analysis of the regulation is that I, who granted the additional use, administratively, and it is I who may terminate the additional use. Staff recommends denial.

Commissioner Waide stated he is concerned with allowing a specified use and then taking it away. Dorothy Hellums was present. She was told this would come off the agenda from last month's meeting, and it was allowed, so this was upsetting to them. A letter was sent from her son, Jared Hellums. They don't foresee future storage on the property because the company has moved its project to Texas. She reiterated that nothing is being done out there. There are a few pieces left. Shannon Hellums was also present and made comments. There are five piles of large pieces and one pile of smaller pieces.

Commissioner Waide asked if they would need a special use permit for any further processing? Mr. Jaramillo stated that that would be correct.

Mr. Hellums stated his mom received a letter stating that the debris had to be removed. It's not debris, it's usable material. They aren't bringing in any more items. The only people who were allowed to be heard at the last meeting were the 17 people who were opposed. They didn't have the right to say their side because they were told this would be taken off the agenda.

Commission Dana stated the original special use permit was for storage, not grinding, and the neighbors were concerned with the grinding.

Mrs. Hellums stated that the grinding comes from the cutting. Mr. Hellums said it's like a rock crusher. He would like the letter to show that they are allowed to store and lease the property.

Chairman Taylor asked if there were others in the audience who wished to speak.

Carolina Mendez – 6219 Devonian, Roswell, NM
6221 Devonian – Rudy's Towing

They realize they live on industrial property, they own a towing business, and have lived there for 24 years. She feels threatened when the Hellums lease their property. This is their livelihood. She opposes this because this is her home. There is still stuff out there that isn't covered, and stuff is flying around.

Rudy Mendez – he has owned his business for 27 years. Their place has not been touched or cleaned up. He wishes that the Commissioners would go look at the property. His BBQ grill and windows are full of fiberglass. They were told to stop, and he's permitted Destructables to grind. It's like snowflakes everywhere. Mr. Mendez had a video that he showed the commissioners.

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, clarified that Mr. Hellums does not have anything to do with permitting at Planning and Zoning. He is a county employee but is not representing the county here today. The County Attorney gave comments to Mr. Williams to suggest that the Hellums put in to modify their zoning through Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Perry clarified that they are voting on whether they can continue to store. Mr. Jaramillo stated they gave them 30 days, which will be up on August 30th. The Commission has the right to amend the permission. Mr. Williams stated they withdrew the grinding request, so they are only discussing storage. Mr. Jaramillo agrees with legal counsel that this item should be brought forth to the P&Z Commission and the Board of Commissioners for final action for the storage of windmill blades. The Commission's action terminates any timeline set forth previously. Mr. Hellums stated that none of this is regulated as pollution. The Hellums are appealing, and Mr. Williams stated he believes they need to go back in front of the Planning and Zoning Board.

MOTION MADE TO: TABLE AND LET THEM GO BACK TO PLANNING AND ZONING PER LEGAL RECOMMENDATION AND NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE PROPERTY AS FAR AS BLADES COMING IN AND CUTTING MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN OPPOSED: NONE

*Mr. Jaramillo stated the 30-day timeline is null and void.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,172,383.40 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE REPORTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER VISITOR NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.

Sheriff Herrington - #1 St. Mary's Place

He attended a Sheriff's Meeting Association in Ruidoso to send him deputies during the Roswell Air Show. They will have extra deputies with the Sheriff's Office. The City of Roswell and State Police will also have extra deputies. This is to make sure the Chaves County residents are taken care of, not to work the races. There will be a lot of increased traffic on the roadways. It's important to him to have adequate law enforcement during this time. The Sheriff will commission these other deputies so they will have authority here. They don't know what to expect. He is putting information out on the radio and newspaper to inform the community. They are doing this for us because we do this for them. We don't need MOUs for payment. They come together as one.

Louis Jaramillo – Planning and Zoning Director - #1 St. Mary's Place Roswell, NM

The cleanup of the Noriega site has been completed. He presented photos.

Dale Rogers has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission after 43 years of service.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Williams stated it was such an honor to receive the plaque from the Hagerman FFA. He was an active member from 1975 to 1980. The County is working on updating the Chaves County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. They certainly will address changes to data centers, batteries, storage, etc. The Plan will probably have some minor changes to the zoning portion, but more of it has to do with private property rights and expectations for the Federal Government when it comes to multiple use of public lands. We need to be assured of getting our PILT payments from the Federal Government as they are required to do. The time our Commissioners will spend in Washington making sure the Senators and Representatives understand this process is time well spent. This will be Commissioner Corn's first trip to Washington, DC. He requested that the deputies coming in be extra patient with people who won't understand why they are being pulled over by deputies from other counties.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana thanked all the staff. She thanked the Road Department as they continue to work on the flooding. She attended the NM Counties Board meeting in Farmington earlier this month, and they went over some of their legislative priorities. They will be sending those out to County Managers soon. Some of the priorities will include House Bill 2 – Appropriations – Detention fund reimbursements, Courthouse funding, Detention recruitment fund, Fire and EMS recruitment fund, and the 700 megahertz radios. IPRA did not get passed last year. When she listens to all 33 Counties, they all have their own issues, but out of 33 counties, Chaves is the best.

COMMISSIONER WAIDE

Commissioner Waide thanked everyone. Brian gave him a tour of some of the erosion that was done to the flood control structures. Repairs have been made. We still have erosion, but they are sound structures, and we are protected. He thanked the Flood Department for continuing to repair other areas. Yesterday they received a list of roads that will be resurfaced in the Valley, and over 50% have already been completed. He thanked the Road Department for this.

COMMISSIONER CORN

Commissioner Corn stated they made decisions today on several things. He told Bill they need to work on some of the land use deals. He stated they still have some work to do on some issues. He got hung up on one of the issues and voted "yea" when he should have said "nay," but they all decided on their own. He reminded everyone to sign the retired flag. He sent Brian Houghtalin

some videos on the project by his house on the floodwater. There is potential for problems. Everyone has done a good job, and we need to keep fighting forward.

COMMISSIONER PERRY

Commissioner Perry thanked everyone for the presentations. It's nice to see new business ideas brought into the County. The County has grown, but the City hasn't grown a whole lot over the last 40 years. He went to Lincoln County last week and looked at some of the fire destruction. They got another 11 million dollars. A lot of money is being spent on recovery efforts, on probably a wasteful use of the forest that could have been spent better. We really need to take care of our land. The Hondo has been running for three months, where it wasn't running for the last six years like it is now. This is due to the mismanagement of our forests. This is important to all of us even though it's not right here. Agriculture brings livelihood. We all need to come together to make things work.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Taylor thanked all the staff. The Air Races are coming up. This will be a fantastic way to showcase our community and area. He encouraged everyone to greet the visitors and be respectful. It's going to be a learning curve. Improvements will be made in the coming years.

SIGNATURE OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.



Cindy Fuller
Cindy Fuller, County Clerk

BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]
Richard C. Taylor, Chairman

Absent
Michael J. Perry, Vice-Chairman

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Dara Dana, Member

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R. Cliff Waide, Member

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